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**HEADLINE:** AID AGENCIES IN BOSNIA INVESTIGATED OVER LINKS WITH INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

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Text of report by Bosnia-Herzegovina Federation news agency FENA

Banja Luka, 26 February: For several months now, the Ministry of Internal Affairs MUP of the Bosnia-Herzegovina Federation has been checking up on the humanitarian and nongovernmental organizations in Bosnia-Herzegovina, including the Saudi High Commission, which are suspected of having links with international terrorism, the Bosnia-Herzegovina anti-terrorism coordination team has confirmed.

Apart from the Saudi High Commission, the following organizations are also suspected of illegal activities which are not within the competencies of humanitarian organizations: Global Relief Foundation and Taibah International, the Serb Republic media reported.

These organizations are from Afro-Asian countries and registered in the Bosnia-Herzegovina Federation. An investigation has revealed they were engaged in activities for which they had not been registered and which cannot be classified as humanitarian work.

The Bosnia-Herzegovina anti-terrorism coordination team has information that the above humanitarian organizations had at their disposal vehicles with diplomatic registration plates which allowed them considerable freedom of movement.

Twenty-four vehicles with diplomatic plates were discovered in the Saudi High Commission. Such plates were also found in possession of other humanitarian organizations from Islamic countries with a HQ in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The coordination team wonders what the purpose of these plates is and how they ended up at the Saudi High Commission in the first place, the Serb Republic media reported.

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